

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY WE NEED SATELLITE WEATHER RADIO:

Last Wednesday, May 26th, I was driving my daughter to piano lessons when two strong storms approached Richmond. One was a funnel cloud to the North and the other was a powerful thunder and lightning storm moving rapidly just South of Richmond through Chesterfield county. Being concerned for my safety I immediately turned on the AM radio to the very powerful WRVA at 1140MHz. There was so much static from the lightning that I could barely make out the weather reports. A few minutes later, I tried the FM band and caught two more weather reports with crystal clear audio thanks to the FM modulation process. However, during the crucial time of the storm which lasted about 45 minutes I counted two FM stations suddenly leaving the air. Most likely, lightning had either directly or indirectly taken them out or the 70mph gusting wind might have been a factor.

Let this experience be an important example of how local weather information - delivered from a physically reliable and stable platform in space - with a superior modulation process to boot can be an absolute life saver! Ground based transmission can definitely fail - just when you need it most - in a time of natural crisis.

Yes, please keep local weather coming over the satellite channels. Our lives depend on it!!